



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

January 10, 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends of SVdP School,

I have noticed that our Denver neighbors go all out (some might say “over the top”) at outdoor decorating for the holidays. I’ve never seen so many front-yard Halloween blow-ups and graveyards. I’ve particularly enjoyed that they have kept the Christmas lights up through the entire season of Christmas (and then some).

This week we leave the Christmas season behind and begin Ordinary Time, which takes up the majority of the year – 34 weeks. The season of Ordinary Time is anything but *ordinary* in our use of the word. It is filled with Mass readings and feast days that continually try to impress upon us the truth that the supernatural has invaded the natural world. What the Greeks and Romans tried to imagine with their pantheon of gods, what most religious founders never dared to suppose, is that God entered human history, not only as God, but as a man, as one of us. This Ordinary Time gives us time needed to foster the day-to-day relationship with this Man-God, with this Savior, with this most deserving of friends. In Lent and Advent, we make sacrifices, or give things up in order to focus on putting God at the center of our lives and making room for him by squeezing out the non-essentials. In Ordinary Time we commit to a relationship with Jesus each and every day, not unlike the relationships with our spouse, with our children, and with other friends. We choose to “waste” time with the ones most important to us. While God is a demanding friend, as most good friends are – they call out the best that is in us for our own sake – He is not a nagging friend. If by our actions and choices we do not choose His friendship, He will not force Himself into our lives. But, before we walk away so easily, or allow others to walk away so easily, let’s encourage one another to make a renewed effort to “waste” time with Him, to read the Scriptures, to accept the circumstances of our lives and of each day, to worship at Mass and to reconcile with Him in Confession. Let’s continue to pray for one another in this New Year.

With prayers for your family,

*Sister Dominic, O.P.*  
Sister Dominic, O.P.

## **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **Registration Packets**

Families intending to return next year are probably on the lookout for re-registration packets. You can expect these next Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

January 18 – February 1: period of re-registration exclusively for current families which enables us to guarantee you a seat in the rising grade.

February 1<sup>st</sup> is our admissions open house for prospective parents and new applications are accepted on this day. From this date onward, all new and returning registration papers will be treated equally on a first-come, first-serve basis, as seats are available.

### **The Lion King**

Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Phillips, the seventh grade class, and their parents, for a long stretch of preparation for our Lion King performance tonight, January 10<sup>th</sup>, in the gym, beginning at 6:30pm. Students and families have worked on memorizing lines, preparing props and costumes, and have worked tirelessly in school with blocking and staging the show. Thank you also to our middle school teachers who are so supportive and accommodating when practices contended with core class time in the later weeks.

### **Pilgrim Virgin Sign Up**

We are in the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the apparitions of Our Lady to the children at Fatima – Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. An explanation of the apparitions and the associated secrets can be found on the Vatican website:

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20000626\\_messa\\_ge-fatima\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20000626_messa_ge-fatima_en.html)

Please sign up to pick up the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to have in your home for a week. Make time to pray a decade of the rosary for private prayer time or with the entire family. The graces that come from entrusting ourselves to Jesus through Mary are incalculable. God gives grace, not like a vending machine where we get what we think we want, but rather, like a good Father, He always takes occasion to give us what we truly need.

Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094dafa72ba57-pilgrim>

### **Operation: Giving Thanks**

Operation: Giving Thanks is an opportunity for St. Vincent de Paul students to express their gratitude through card making. On the third Wednesday of every month after school, students are invited to the Garden Room to bring their creative energy to design and decorate cards for anyone they want to give thanks. In addition to personal notes, Operation: Giving Thanks will also be creating cards for the military and seniors living in nursing homes who would love to receive a greeting card to brighten their day. Materials will be provided. All are welcome to drop in for some or all of the time, however, if your student is in Kindergarten through the 4th grade, a chaperone is required. If you have questions, please email Lara O'Shaughnessy.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

The last Sunday in January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Students are invited to sign up for various Mass roles the weekend of January 28-29 at SVdP Parish. Please use the sign up genius to find a role that best suits your child. The number of slots is limited.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094dafa72ba57-january>

All students attending SVdP Masses on the weekend of January 28-29, and wearing the full SVdP school uniform can see a Dominican Sister before or after Mass to ask for an out of uniform pass. Thank you for showing your school spirit by wearing your uniform.

Also, please note that there will not be a specific Catholic School reception following these Masses.

### **Parent Expertise in Building and Outdoor Architecture**

The school is exploring an outdoor classroom/building project and is looking for parent expertise in landscape/architecture/building. If you can offer initial advice, guidance, act as consultant or offer ongoing expertise, please contact Sister Dominic through Fast Direct.

### **Ice Alert**

There is a little stream that forms on the sidewalk that has been very icy during morning drop off. We are salting and marking with cones when needed, but please use particular caution when walking through this area.

### **Kids Screening**

The Marion Downs Center will be at SVdP on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for hearing, vision and speech screenings. If you wish to have your child(ren) screened, please complete the permission slip (one per child) attached to the 12/6/16 Crusader Connection. Return the form(s) along with payment to the Front Office no later than Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## **PARENT VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **- Called to Protect:**

We have learned that when parents and students know and understand the physical/social/emotional boundaries in various relationships, that it protects children from harm and abuse. To that end the Archdiocese selected and implemented a program entitled “Called to Protect” which provides this education in the school, **in addition** to what parents provide in the home. Each year the sixth grade watches a segment of the Called to Protect video program. Parent preview (for parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade or for any other interested parent) is offered this Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> in the school auditorium at 9:30am. The video is an hour long. These videos, which are expected to be shown in January in each of the Archdiocesan schools, teach about healthy physical and social/emotional boundaries. Our sixth-grade class will be viewing the one-hour video in three separate segments in their C4G class (Created for Greatness Program oriented toward middle school student growth). If you would like more information about it, but are not able to view it at the scheduled time, please contact our counselor, Mrs. Dirrane at [tdirrane@svdpk8.com](mailto:tdirrane@svdpk8.com).

### **- Screenagers:**

Have you heard of the documentary, Screenagers, which presents the medical research on the effect of screens on our children? Screenagers is coming to SVdP with two different evening viewing options on January 25<sup>th</sup> (in the gym with nearly-unlimited seating) and January 26<sup>th</sup> (in the auditorium with more limited seating) with a 7:15pm start time each night. The documentary will be shown during the school day the same week to our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Parents of all grade students are invited and encouraged to attend. As a community event, anyone is welcome to attend including any neighbors or friends you wish to invite. It is being advertised via social media to our surrounding neighborhood. There is one brief segment on the effects and dangers of sexting, which is why we have chosen the viewing for middle school only. You are welcome to bring younger children to the evening showings if you choose. Find the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQx2X0BXgZg>. If you are not able to attend in the evening, please call the school to see if there is any available seating during the daytime student-viewing times.

### **The Google Calendar**

Please note that minor changes are made to the Google Parent Calendar throughout the year. For example, we added the Faith Rally to the calendar, we changed the art show, we removed the reception

for Catholic Schools Week Masses, etc. These changes show on the online calendar, but if you downloaded the calendar to your device at the beginning of the year, it is a static calendar on your device and will not reflect the changes. Please just be aware of this and check the online calendar on occasion.

**NOTEWORTHY DATES:**

January 10 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> grade presents The Lion King at 6:30 pm in the gym
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Hour in the Church 6:30-7:30
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Called to Protect Viewing following all school Mass (school auditorium)
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	End of second quarter: half way through the year Adoration in the Church for Elementary School (parents are welcome) Gala Donation Forms due
January 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>	Kid Screening
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	No hot lunch available – students pack lunch and eat in classroom
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Report cards come home (distributed by Father Andrew during school day)
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Adoration in the Church for Middle School (parents are welcome)
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Community wide viewing of Screenagers at 7:15pm – gym
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Community wide viewing of Screenagers at 7:15pm – school auditorium
Jan 28-29	Catholic Schools Week Masses – students attend in uniform to get OOU pass
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Admissions Open House
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>No classes – teacher development day</b>
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Moms’ Holy Hour 6:30-8:15, confessions available

*Deadline for Crusader Connection: Monday at 6:00am of the week it is to be published.*

***Please signup to help with either being a Tour Guide or bringing Refreshments on February 1, 2017 during our Open House. Please sign up here:***

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4af23a5fc1-svdp>



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**COME VISIT OUR SCHOOL AND TAKE A TOUR!**

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ON FEBRUARY 1, 2017  
9:00AM – 2:00PM

**\*\* TOURS WILL BE OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE DAY \*\***

- Preschool through Eighth grade
- Administered by Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia
- Expanded full day Preschool program
- Students giving back to the community in service programs
- Curriculum to support outdoor ecology classroom
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology with STEM and Robotics programs
- Our 2015-2016 Eighth grade graduates received a total of \$71,000 in academic merit scholarships to local Catholic high schools

Call (303) 777-3812 or visit [www.svdpk8.com](http://www.svdpk8.com)  
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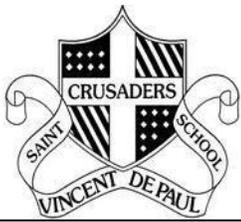


## **SVdP Roaring 20's Gala Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 The Westin Downtown**

This is the last week for GALA donations!! All GALA donation forms must be turned in to the office by **Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the program!

Don't forget to check out the GALA website at <https://svdpch.ejoinme.org/svdp2017gala> for helpful information on tickets, hotel & parking, mobile bidding and much more!

We hope to see you in March for this primary community and fundraising event for our school. Typically, over 400 people attend. It is so much fun!!!



**All Donations Due by Friday, January 13, 2017**

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admin@2tbyt.com

Item No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – ANNUAL AUCTION**

**DONOR FORM**  
(one form per donated item)

Company or Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary contact name** (if we have questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_                      E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitor: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUCTION ITEM**    or    **PARTY**    (please circle one)

**Donor Stated Value:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Did you pay sales tax for this item?    Yes    No

Anonymous Donor:    Yes    No    (please circle one)

Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Item and Restrictions:

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Item Exchangeable?    Yes    No    (please circle one)

Gift Certificate:    Expires: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_(mm/dd/yr)     Donor Provides     SVdP Provides

**Party** (for description of party use above lines)

Date of party: \_\_\_\_\_ (please provide an actual date)

Adult    or    SVdP student's party    (please circle one)                      Limit (# of people): \_\_\_\_\_

If students, grade \_\_\_\_\_    Current    or    Fall    (please circle one)

Cost per PERSON to attend: \$ \_\_\_\_\_    **AND/OR**    Cost per FAMILY to attend: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU                      THANK YOU                      THANK YOU**

**We are grateful for your support.**

In compliance with IRS Code Section 170(f)(9), this copy verifies that you received no goods or services from St. Vincent de Paul in consideration for your gift. (SVdP federal tax id# 84-0439603)

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## Frequently asked questions

### When do I get a report?

- We send a customized report and relevant developmental information along with KidScreen results to your child's school in approximately 10 days.
- If we have medical concerns the day of screening, we will send a written notice home with your child that day.

### What does the report mean?

- If there is a need for more comprehensive testing, specific

recommendations are written in the report.

- Free rechecks are available at the Center in cases where a child was unable to complete the screening or follow-up is requested by a parent.
- KidScreen staff will be readily available to discuss your questions, help you identify follow-up steps and resources, and meet your child's individual specific needs.



## About CHSL



The Center for Hearing, Speech and Language (CHSL) is a unique 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Our professional staff of audiologists, speech pathologists, educators and therapists provide quality hearing, vision, speech and language services for people of all ages including those who are unable to pay.

### Services we provide:

- Full audiological services
- Screening in schools
- Speech, language, and learning services

- Therapists specializing in evaluation and intervention treatment of speech, language and reading
- Industry hearing testing and hearing conservation program called Sound Solutions for businesses which generates funds to help those who can't afford to pay for services

*We protect your personal healthcare information. Our privacy notice is available on our website or upon request.*

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is coming  
to your  
school



It's time to screen  
your child's hearing,  
vision and speech.

Good vision, hearing and speech  
are important for optimal learning and growth.



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# KidScreen Permission Slip

Please complete both sides.



## KidScreen Service Options - please read carefully:

Make check payable to Marion Downs Center (please - a separate check per child). Your check payment will be processed by electronic transfer. We need the exact amount if paying by cash. Complete this side of the form and the Parent Checklist on the back, and return to school with your child.

Please select one service option:

- Basic KidScreen (7 months and older) OR \$30.00
- Basic + Optional Language Screen (3-7 years old) OR \$40.00
- Basic + Developmental Screen (7 months and older) \$60.00



Please send eyeglasses the day of screening (if applicable)

I give permission for:  
(Child's Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Full birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_  Male  Female

To participate in the screening at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child's School Schedule: (circle days and time)  
(Class/Grade) M T W TH F AM PM All Day

Has your child been diagnosed with a hearing, vision, speech/language problem or a developmental delay.

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Check areas of concern you have for your child:  Hearing  Vision  Speech

Primary language spoken by child:  
 English  Spanish  Other  Por favor enviar informe de mi hijo en español

Other languages child understands or is learning: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will receive my child's individual screening results. The report will note if my child needs to be referred to a doctor or other specialist for further testing or evaluation. Screening results will be shared with the school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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Please feel free to call us with any concerns or questions. We are always happy to help.



Please check any items that you have observed or that apply to your child:

- My child wears prescription eyeglasses/contacts (please send eyeglasses the day of screening- if applicable).
- Rubs eye(s)/ presses hands into eye(s) frequently.
- Symptoms of Eye Strain: performance decreases with time; student avoids near work
- Turns or tilts head when looking at something.
- Takes longer than usual to focus on an object or face.
- Views objects too closely.
- Does not pay attention to object unless it makes a sound.
- Losing place when reading/double vision
- Is child performing below potential?

My child has tubes in his/her ears  No  Right  Left  Both

7 months - 18 months: Are first words emerging? Y / N  
Imitates different speech sounds? Y / N  
Recognizes words for common objects? Y / N  
Enjoys peek-a-boo or pat-a-cake? Y / N

18 months - 24 months: Understands names of familiar objects? Y / N  
Points to a few body parts when asked? Y / N  
Says more words every month? Y / N  
Uses one-or-two word questions? Y / N

2 - 3 years old: Understands differences in meaning "go-stop"? Y / N  
Combines 2-3 words to talk about and ask for things? Y / N

Yes  No My child is currently in speech or language therapy or receives services from resource teacher/specialist at school.  
What is the focus of your child's therapy or services received?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What would you like us to know before we screen your child?  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have no concerns at this time.

# Why is screening important?

- Treatment of vision, hearing, speech and language or learning problems can support growth and development in learning, reading, social skills and behavior.
- Most doctors offices do not offer comprehensive screening for hearing, speech and functional vision.
- Research has proven that early detection is critical.

We screen thousands of children at childcare centers, preschools and private schools. Our screenings determine if your child's developmental, academic and learning skills are on target for his or her age, or if there is a need for further evaluation.

*Early detection can be the key to a child's future.*

## Screening options

### Basic Screening:

Includes vision, hearing and speech screening. For 7 months and older.

### Optional Language Screening:

Includes Basic Screening plus a screening test specifically for language development in children 3 to 7 years old.

### Developmental:

Includes Basic Screening plus the following:

- Ages 7 months through 2 years: screening test for cognitive development, communication and motor skills, can take 30-40 minutes
- Ages 2-1/2 through Kindergarten: screening test for cognitive, language and motor skills, can take 25 minutes
- 1st grade and older: word reading, spelling, math and language fundamentals, can take 30-45 minutes

## How do I sign up for screening?

- Simply complete and sign the enclosed Permission Slip.
- Please answer the Parent Checklist questions on the back of the Permission Slip.
- Return the Permission Slip to school with your child.

## Vision



Children with learning-related vision problems rarely report symptoms. They think everyone sees the same as they do.

Early testing for vision problems is key to helping prevent learning difficulties. 25% of students in grades K-6 have visual problems that are serious enough to impede learning.

## Hearing



Children learn from listening to other people talk.

Good hearing helps children learn vocabulary, grammar, word order and other verbal communication. Normal hearing does not always equal normal understanding of speech sounds.

## Speech, Language, and Learning



Children learn skills important for reading and writing during early speech and language development.

Screening can identify children who should receive further evaluation due to developmental delays.

## How can I get more information?

Please feel free to call us with any concerns or questions. Our friendly staff are always happy to help.

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Our highly experienced and professionally-trained screening staff are also parents who believe screening is important to a child's well-being. KidScreen provides a more complete picture regarding your child's development.